

No. 1999-2

## AN ACT

SB 273

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to counties of the second class and second class A; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," providing for nomination petitions for the offices of district county council member and at-large county council member in certain counties of the second class; and making a repeal.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Sections 3111-C and 3113-C of the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, added May 20, 1997 (P.L.149, No.12), are amended to read:

Section 3111-C. Transition.—(a) The election of the county executive and the county legislative council shall occur at either the municipal election occurring in 1999 or at the next municipal election, as the case may be, following approval of the charter and apportionment as provided in this article.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) and in the charter, all provisions of the charter shall be effective on either January 1, 2000, or on the next January 1 following the election at which the county executive and county council are elected, whichever occurs later.

(c) The question of changing the form of government approved by the electors as set forth in the charter may not be submitted to the electors earlier than five years (5) after the date which the charter was approved by referendum.

*(d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 912.1(35) of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code," the minimum number of valid signatures of registered and enrolled members of the proper political party required for a nomination petition for the office of district county council member in counties of the second class shall be two hundred fifty.*

*(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 913 of the "Pennsylvania Election Code," the filing fee required for acceptance of nomination petitions for the office of district county council member in counties of the second class shall be fifty dollars (\$50).*

*(e) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 912.1(16) of the "Pennsylvania Election Code," the minimum number of valid signatures of registered and enrolled members of the proper political party required for a nomination petition for the office of at-large county council member in counties of the second class shall be five hundred.*

***(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 913 of the "Pennsylvania Election Code," the filing fee required for acceptance of nomination petitions for the office of at-large county council member in counties of the second class shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).***

Section 3113-C. Expiration.—This article, with the exception of sections 3107-C and 3111-C(c), ***(d) and (e)***, shall expire upon the publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of notice of the swearing-in of the first official elected pursuant to a charter adopted under this article.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall be construed in conjunction with the provisions of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, and shall be read in pari materia with the Pennsylvania Election Code.

Section 3. Sections 912.1 and 913 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, are repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent with this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 10th day of February, A.D. 1999.

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